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DEPARTMENT FOR NEA/ARN - DRAPER

AMMAN FOR AMBASSADOR AND CONSUL ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SY, US
SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWRY: DR. MEYER BALASS

REF: DAMASCUS 6356

1. BALASS INFORMED EMBASSY NOVEMBER 30 THAT HIS ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SYRIAN PASSPORT THROUGH INDIRECT CHANNELS HAD FAILED. HE WAS NOW ATTEMPTING, HE SAID, TO OBTAIN LEBANESE PASSPORT ISSUED IN NAME OF "MAHER KALASS (PHON.);" WITH VALID SYRIAN ENTRY STAMP. WITH SUCH PASSPORT HE HOPED LEAVE SYRIA TO AMMAN AND OBTAIN US VISA THERE BEFORE TRAVELLING TO UNITED STATES. BALASS ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING US VISA UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. PROCEDURE WE WOULD PROPOSE IN THIS CASE WOULD BE FOR DAMASCUS OR AMMAN TO ISSUE VISA TO BALASS IN HIS TRUE NAME ON OPTIONAL FORM 232. JUSTIFICATION WOULD BE THAT DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL HAD OR WOULD GRANT WAIVER OF PASSPORT UNDER CONFIDENTIAL

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3. WHILE SUCH WAIVER IS NORMALLY REQUESTED WHEN APPLICANT PRESENTS HIMSELF AT PORT OF ENTRY WE BELIEVE THAT IN THIS CASE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO OBTAIN WAIVER IN ADVANCE. PLEASE ADVISE.

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